

(103) BLESSING OF SEED

Let us pray:

We fervently entreat thee, O Lord, to bless + these seeds, preserve and foster them with gentle breezes, fertilize them with heavenly dew, and deign to bring them to a full harvest for the use of soul and body. Through Christ our Lord. ✠ Amen.

(105) BLESSING OF YOUNG CROPS AND VINEYARDS

Let us pray:

We appeal to thy graciousness, O almighty God, that thou wouldst shower thy blessing + upon these first fruits of creation which thou hast nurtured with favorable weather, and mayest bring them to a fine harvest. Grant also to thy people a sense of constant gratitude for thy gifts, so that the hungry may find rich nourishment in the fruits of the earth, and the needy and the poor may praise thy wondrous name. Through Christ our Lord. ✠ Amen.

BLESSING OF A SACRED STATUE OR PICTURE

Let us pray:

Almighty, everlasting God, you do not forbid us to represent your saints in stone or paint, so that, as often as we look upon their likenesses with the eyes of the body, we may with the eyes of the mind meditate upon their holiness and be led to imitate their deeds. In your kindness, we beg you to bless + and sanctify + this picture (statue), meant to honor and call to mind your (only-begotten Son, our Lord J.C., the B.V.M., Mother of our Lord J.C., Blessed N., apostle, martyr). May all who in its presence humbly strive to serve and honor your (only begotten....., The B.V.M.....) by his (her) merits and intercession gain from you grace in the present life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through (the same) Christ our Lord. ✠ Amen.